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Application of: Beat MOLLET et al. Confirmation No.: 6428
Application No.: 09/823,772 Group Art Unit: 1652
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TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

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Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated June 19, 2003 of the Examiner finally rejecting claims 1, 2, 5-8 and 15-20 of the above-identified application.

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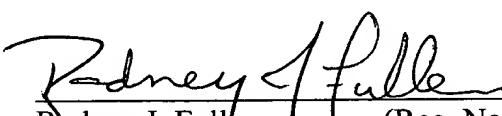
1. An extension of time for responding to the final rejection for three month(s):
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